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Formal Drawings

Formal drawings are attached. As per the examiner's suggestion, the typo duplicate occurrence of "66" in Figs. 4 and 5 has been deleted.

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the phone interview on March 11th, 2004. The claims have been amended as per discussions in that interview.

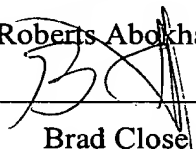
Claim 10 has been canceled and claims 1, 8 and 11 have been amended to better reflect the invention. Particularly that the claimed invention reflect components that are first tacked with an adhesive, then installed in their ultimate-end location, and the adhesive is then cured by a technique that affects parts of, or all of, the finished machine that includes these components.

As discussed with the Examiner, Adler discloses away from installing the tacked components into the finished machine before curing. Alder requires that the tacked components be cured in an autoclave. Thus the components are cured before being ultimately installed.

Bellows discloses only a one-step curing. Bellows discloses using curing agents in different concentrations to produce a finished component that has different relative hardness/flexibility at different locations depending on the distribution of the curing agent.

Stone and Botts similarly disclose only a one-step curing process.

In view of the above amendments, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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